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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Entitled:
Franz Heiss : FASTENING DEVICE
Int'l Filing Date: 16 June 2004 :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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12 December 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 2
of this paper.